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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**THIRTY-SEVEN INDICTED IN
LARGEST-EVER EVANSVILLE AREA
FEDERAL DRUG TRAFFICKING CASE**

Three Indictments Unsealed This Morning

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced the arrest of **24** crack cocaine, powder cocaine, heroin and marijuana traffickers charged in three indictments unsealed today in U.S. District Court in Evansville. Over 150 law enforcement officers from the region participated in the execution of 37 arrest warrants and 17 search warrants related to the investigation on residences in the Evansville, Princeton, Chicago, Illinois, and Greenville, Kentucky, areas. Execution of the warrants resulted in the recovery of more than \$7,500 in cash, 10 firearms, several pounds of marijuana and 5 ounces of crack cocaine and 5 ounces of powder cocaine and approximately 2 kilograms of an unidentified

controlled substance. The indictments were the result of an investigation by the Evansville offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, the Evansville Vanderburgh County Drug Task Force, the Evansville Police Department, the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department, the Indiana State Police, the Gibson County Sheriff's Department, the Princeton Police Department, the United States Marshals Service and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

The indictments charge Thirty-Seven individuals as follows:

The first Indictment charges twenty-one individuals with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine base (crack cocaine), cocaine, heroin and marijuana, and other substantive drug charges. The individuals charged in the indictment are:

- VICTOR GOODWIN, 29, of Evansville and Chicago
- LEO BROWN, JR., 30, of Chicago
- CHEVADAS MCKINNEY, 24, of Evansville
- ANTHONY GOODWIN, 46, of Evansville and Chicago
- GARY HARRIS, 28, of Evansville and Chicago
- CHARLES CHAPLIN, 24, of Evansville and Chicago
- ROSALYN MCKINNEY, 45, of Evansville
- ANTWAN COLEMAN, 22, of Evansville
- SEDRICK HANCOCK, 22, of Evansville
- MICHAEL HARDIMAN, 62, of Evansville
- RODNEY DIGBY, 25, of Princeton
- DANTE MACLIN, 24, of Princeton
- BERTIS PAUL HARDIMAN, 61, of Princeton

- TIMOTHY DOERR, 30, of Princeton
- HEATHER BUCKLEY, 29, of Princeton
- ERIC STRIFLER, 26, of Greenville, Kentucky
- JERMAL PHILLIPS, 27, of Evansville
- EMANUEL CABELL, 28, of Evansville
- ERIC MCKINNEY, 31, of Evansville
- ALVIN BUCKLEY, 31, of Princeton
- SHARON HARDIMAN, 43, of Princeton

The second Indictment charges nine individuals with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine base and cocaine, and other substantive drug charges. The individuals charged in the second indictment are:

- PAUL PARRISH, 29, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- DENNIS TURNER, 37, of Evansville
- EDWARD WELLS, 21, of Evansville
- JESSE MCCARTHEN, 34, of Evansville
- HOWARD LANE, JR., 30, of Evansville
- ANTHONY ANDERSON, 28, of Evansville
- LAMAR DUERSON, 25, of Evansville
- LERON SEALES, 21, of Evansville

The third Indictment charges ten individuals with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine base, cocaine and marijuana. The individuals charged in the indictment are:

- VISHNU BENDER, 30, of Chicago

- EMANUEL CABELL, 28, of Evansville
- ERIC MCKINNEY, 31, of Evansville
- JESHA FOX, 33, of Evansville
- DENNIS TURNER, 37, of Evansville
- EBON GREEN, of Evansville
- JOHN CULLEY, 33, of Evansville
- ANDREW OWEN, 26, of Evansville
- DEMARCO LANE, of Evansville
- TONY JOHNSON, 34, of Evansville

Cabell and Eric McKinney are charged in both the first and third indictments. Turner is charged in both the second and third indictments. Victor Goodwin, Michael Hardiman, Rosalyn McKinney, Antwan Coleman, Sedrick Hancock, Emanuel Cabell, Dante Maclin, Bertis Paul Hardiman, Heather Buckley, Alvin Buckley, Sharon Hardiman, Jermal Phillips, Eric Strifler, Dennis Turner, John Culley, Ebon Green, Jesha Fox, Andrew Owen, Eric McKinney, Andrew Owen, Demarco Lane, Paul Parrish, Edward Wells, Lamar Duerson, and Howard Lane, Jr. were arrested in Evansville, Princeton, Indiana and Kentucky, and some of whom have appeared this morning in U.S. District Court. Twelve are fugitives at this time. At least 15 other additional persons involved in the investigation have been charged by the Prosecuting Attorneys Offices of Vanderburgh and Gibson Counties in related state court criminal proceedings as a result of the investigation.

The indictments allege that the defendants were engaged in three separate conspiracies to bring cocaine base, powder cocaine, heroin and marijuana to the Evansville and Princeton areas from both the Chicago and Nashville, Tennessee, areas, for subsequent distribution. The

distribution operations occurred from numerous residences and locations in and around the Evansville and Princeton areas, and in Western Kentucky. The indictment states that several locations in and around the Bayard Park area of Evansville were used for the organizations' drug distribution activities.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew P. Brookman, who is prosecuting the case for the government, the defendants, if convicted, face maximum possible prison sentences of life imprisonment.

Initial hearings began at 9:00 a.m. this morning for some of the defendants before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville.

The indictments are an allegation only, and all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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